

Title of report: Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Meeting: Health and Wellbeing Board

Meeting date: 26 June 2023

Report by: Director of Public Health

Classification

Open

Decision type

This is not an executive decision

Wards affected

(All Wards);

Purpose:

To update the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) on the implementation of the new Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Recommendation(s):

1. The Board to note progress to date on work to deliver the strategy

Alternative options

2. For the HWBB to not consider this strategy. This is not recommended. It is a function of the committee to prepare a health and social care joint strategic needs assessment (Understanding Herefordshire) for the county and to prepare a health & wellbeing strategy to meet those needs.

Key considerations

3. The Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy was endorsed by the Health and Wellbeing Board on 27 April 2023.
4. The new strategy and the accompanying engagement report have been uploaded to the council's website and can be accessed [here](#). An easy read version of the strategy is currently being developed and will be uploaded to the Council's website once completed.
5. Over the last two months, work has been undertaken to share the new strategy with stakeholders and commence the process of developing the delivery plans for the two core priorities and clarify the governance arrangements. A summary of the progress to date is detailed below:
6. Best start in life
 - I. The Children and Young People Partnership (CYPP) will be accountable for developing a delivery plan against the best start in life priority. The CYPP are currently reviewing the existing Children and Young People Action Plan that was developed in 2019 and needs to be updated. A CYP workshop is taking place on 19 June where work will commence on developing the action plan.
 - II. Further work is being undertaken to understand the CYP governance landscape. This includes the interface with the work of the Children Improvement Board which recently agreed to reduce the number of transformation programme delivery boards from seven to three, recognising the role of existing and newly established partnership boards (Herefordshire Safeguarding Children's Partnership; the Children and Young People Partnership; the Corporate Parenting Board; and, the SEND Strategic Board) in delivering improved outcomes for children and young people.
7. Mental Wellbeing across the lifetime
 - I. The governance around mental wellbeing is less straight forward. At present there is a system wide ICS mental health collaborative with two place based mental health partnerships in Herefordshire. This includes the Children Emotional Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board and the Adult Mental Health Partnership.
 - II. At a meeting on 1 June 2023, the Adult Mental Health Partnership agreed to review their terms of reference and provisionally agreed to become more 'action orientated' with a greater focus on delivery. The group agreed to hold a workshop, which has been scheduled for 6 July to progress this further

- III. On 22 June, the Mental Health Collaborative Executive will consider a report whereby the ICB are proposing to fund a new Suicide Prevention role that will be located within Herefordshire Public Health Team. Having a dedicated suicide prevention worker across Herefordshire will greatly enhance the work that has already taken place and help deliver against the core priority. The role will continue to ensure close work with Worcestershire and continue the work that was previously delivered through the Suicide Prevention Team
8. Work has commenced on the development of an outcomes framework for these two core priority areas. This is following a 'logic model approach' that will aid the formulation of actions against the four high level outcomes identified against each core priority. Logic models provide a useful method to understand the shared relationships among the resources, activities, outputs and desired outcomes. It is anticipated that the Health and Wellbeing Board will use the framework to measure progress across the two priority areas on a quarterly basis
9. A formal launch of the new strategy is scheduled for 12 July 2023 and will be held at the Shell Store, Hereford. Invitations have gone out to members of the health and wellbeing board, as well as key public sector leaders and representatives from organisations that support individuals focusing on our the core priorities – best start in life and mental health across the lifetime. The launch event will celebrate our achievements to date, sharing details on the new strategy and considering how we can best deliver our shared priorities together

Community Impact

10. The purpose of the strategy is to help improve the health and wellbeing of Herefordshire residents and reduce inequalities. One of the key principles upon which the strategy has been developed is that of community empowerment, which in practice means that we must continue to involve our communities in any action that is taken, so that the community own it and the impact on that community is maximised.

Environmental Impact

11. There are no general implications for the environment arising from this report; however the health and wellbeing strategy features the reduction in our carbon footprint as one of its priorities, therefore further along in the delivery of the strategy it is expected that there could be some environmental impact. There will also be co-benefits to the environment through ambitions to reduce levels of obesity, eat more healthily and increase levels of physical activity through active travel.

Equality duty

12. Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the 'general duty' on public authorities is set out as follows:

A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to –

- a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
- b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- c) Facilitate good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

13. The public sector equality duty (specific duty) requires us to consider how we can positively contribute to the advancement of equality and good relations, and demonstrate that we are paying 'due regard' in our decision making in the design of policies and in the delivery of services.

14. The principles of equality and the reversal of health inequalities are key strands of the strategy.

15. To be effective in delivering good population outcomes and helping those most in need, the strategy calls for intervention by working together at system, place, and community levels to tackle issues reflecting whole system priorities as well as specific concerns at the right scale.

16. An equalities impact assessment has been undertaken alongside the development of the strategy.

Resource implications

17. There are no resource implications associated with this report. However, the development of the delivery plans may lead to resource implications.

Legal implications

18. Health and wellbeing boards are responsible for encouraging integrated working between health and social care commissioners, including partnership arrangements such as pooled budgets, lead commissioning and integrated provision.

19. Their purpose is to establish collaborative decision making, planning and commissioning across councils and the NHS, informed by the views of patients, people who use services and other partners.

20. The functions of the Health and Wellbeing Board are set out in paragraph 3.5.24 of the constitution.

21. As per the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the production of a Joint Local Health and Wellbeing strategy is a statutory requirement and therefore its endorsement and support is required.

Risk management

22. There are no risk implications identified emerging from the recommendations in this report

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